



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Agenda Item: 7A

Advisory Information

Title: **Report of the Committee of the Whole**

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Attachments: Unapproved Committee of the Whole Minutes of November 13, 2013

Requested Action

Adopt the recommendations of the NCEC Committee of the Whole related to the Community Innovation Fund (CIF).

Background

The Committee of the Whole met on November 13th to further the development of the CIF. As with past meetings of the Committee on development of the fund, recommendations are forwarded to the full commission for adoption after each meeting.

Discussion

The following recommendations on the CIF were adopted by the NCEC in October:

- The Program should begin in 2014 with the roll out of the program generally following the schedule proposed by staff.
- There should be early consultation with neighborhood organizations regarding the structure of the program. To start this process the NCEC should hold four focus groups throughout the city, one for every two NCEC Districts. At least one month advance notice should be provided for these meetings.
- The final guidelines should be available for a 60 day public review before they are finalized by the NCEC and presented to the City Council.
- Achieving geographical balance throughout the city in should be a consideration in selecting projects for funding.

Recommendations

At the November 13th the Committee forwarded the recommendations listed below for adoption by the full Commission:

- 1) The Commission solicit draft priorities from existing City goals and expectations, key department heads and neighborhood and community organizations.
- 2) The NCEC recommend to the City Council to allocate \$300,000 for the 2014-2015 period.
- 3) The outreach plan be revised to increase the number of meetings with neighborhoods from four focus group meetings to eight focus group meetings, with one meeting in each of the 8 NCEC districts.
- 4) That NCR address diverse stakeholders including cultural community members, throughout the initial community engagement process for soliciting input for the Community Innovation Fund guidelines development process, including the appropriate prefatory context information.